REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a statement acknowledging government support. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (781) 861-6240.

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